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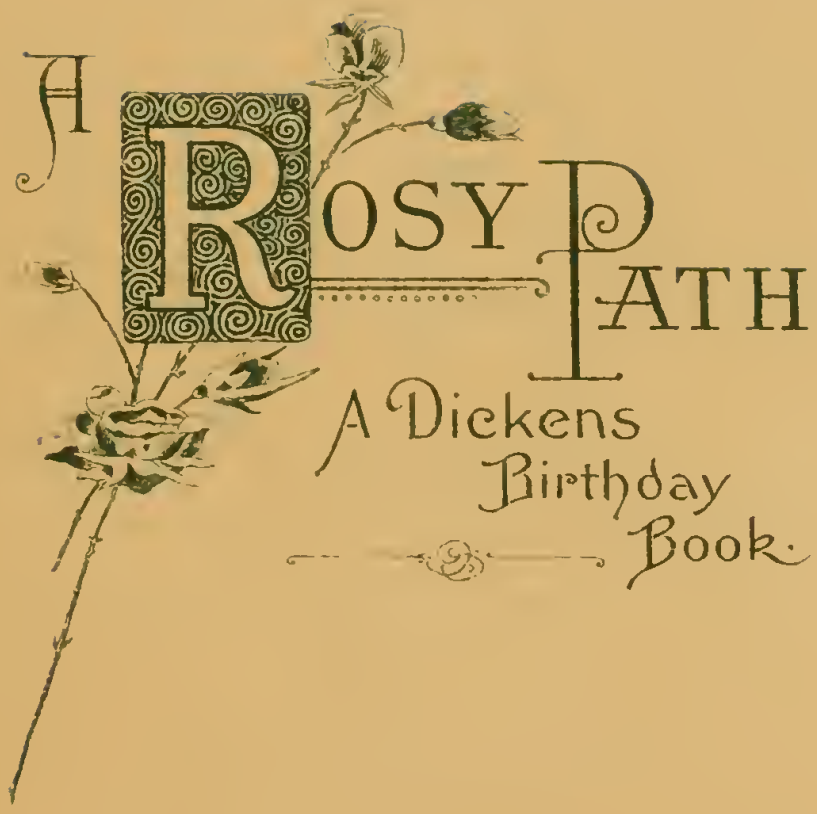
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A Dickens
Birthday
Book.

Little Paul and Florence.

DOMBEY & SON

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MAY the New Year be a happy one to you, happy to many more whose happiness depends on you! So may each year be happier than the last, and not the meanest of our brethren or sisterhood debarred their rightful share, in what our Great Creator formed them to enjoy.

THE CHIMES.

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JANUARY

We are bound by every rule of justice and equity to give the New Year credit for being a good one, until he proves himself unworthy the confidence reposed in him.

THE NEW YEAR.

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JANUARY

It is clear that a family of six, not including a domestic, cannot live upon air. DAVID COPPERFIELD.

No hand can make the clock which will strike again for me the hours that are gone.
THE CRICKET ON THE HEARTH.

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JANUARY

Thinking begets thinking. OLIVER TWIST.

Truth and honesty, like precious stones, are perhaps more easily imitated at a distance, when the counterfeits often pass for real. NICHOLAS NICKLEBY

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JANUARY

We do good by stealth and blush to find it mentioned in our little bill. DAVID COPPERFIELD.

The heart where self has found no place and raised no throne, is slow to recognize its ugly presence when it looks upon it. MARTIN CHUZZLEWIT.

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JANUARY

The heart is not always a royal mint, with patent machinery, to work its metal into current coin.

MARTIN CHUZZLEWIT.

To the young this is a world of action, not for moping and droning in.

DAVID COPPERFIELD.

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JANUARY

My advice is never to do to-morrow what you can do to-day. Procrastination is the thief of time.

DAVID COPPERFIELD.

I feels the sufferings of other people more than I feels my own, though not one mayn't suppoge it.

MARTIN CHUZZLEWIT.

31st

Caleb Plummer and Bertha

THE CRICKET ON THE HEARTH

FEBRUARY

In very many cases of friendship, or what passes for it, the old axiom is reversed, and like clings to unlike more than to like.

MARTIN CHUZZLEWIT.

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FEBRUARY

We are not all arrayed in two opposite ranks the of-fensive and the de-fensive. Some few there are who walk between; who help the needy as they go; and take no part on either side.

MARTIN CHUZZLEWIT.

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FEBRUARY

Among men who have sound and sterling qualities, there is nothing so contagious as pure openness of heart.

NICHOLAS NICKLEBY.

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FEBRUARY

Every man came into the world for something.

BARNABY RUDGE.

Tears are not the only proofs of distress, nor the best ones.

PICKWICK PAPERS.

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FEBRUARY

"I am however delighted to add that I have now an immediate prospect of something turning up."

DAVID COPPERFIELD.

If you can't get to be uncommon through going straight, you'll never get to do it through going crooked.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS.

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"God bless us every one."

CHRISTMAS CAROL.

MARCH

Now we lift our eyes up and look hopefully at the distance! The world is before you; and it is most probable, that as you enter it, so it will receive you. Trust in nothing but in Providence and your own efforts. Never separate the two. BLEAK HOUSE.

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MARCH

Far be it from me to assert that what everybody says must be true. Everybody is, often, as likely to be wrong as right.

THE HAUNTED MAN.

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MARCH

Even the cheap delights of childhood must be bought and paid for. THE OLD CURIOSITY SHOP.

In our judgments, as in our doings, we must bear and forbear. HARD TIMES.

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MARCH

If I didn't tell her I loved her, where would be the use of my being in love? MARTIN CHUZZLEWIT.

Regrets are the natural property of grey hairs.

MARTIN CHUZZLEWIT.

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MARCH

Let us be among the few who do their duty.

MARTIN CHUZZLEWIT.

What's the use of putting things off? Strike while the iron's hot.

BARNABY RUDGE.

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MARCH

As I have observed that Time confuses facts occasionally, I hardly know what weight to give to its authority.

THE BATTLE OF LIFE.

31st

"May the New Year be a happy one."

The Chimes

APRIL

There are dark shadows on earth but its lights are stronger in contrast.

PICKWICK PAPERS.

Things cannot be expected to turn up of themselves. We must, in a measure, assist to turn them up.

DAVID COPPERFIELD.

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APRIL

"Along with the figure-head of Hope," said the Captain, "there's a anchor; but what's the use of my having a anchor, if I can't find no bottom to let it go in."

DOMBEY & SON.

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APRIL

We must meet reverses boldly, and not suffer them to frighten us.

DAVID COPPERFIELD.

"We eats our biled mutton without capers, and don't care for horse-radish ven ve can get beef."

PICKWICK PAPERS.

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APRIL

There's romance enough at home, without going half a mile for it; only people never think of it.

PICKWICK PAPERS

Be happy in the good you have won, and in the good you do.

THE HAUNTED MAN.

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APRIL

I didn't say I understood her, I wouldn't have the presumption to say that of any woman. It's not so easily done.

BARNABY RUDGE.

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APRIL

Everything has an end. Even young ladies in love cannot read their letters forever. BARNABY RUDGE.

"Coaches, Sammy, is like guns—they requires to be loaded with very great care afore they go off."

PICKWICK PAPERS.

At the Holly-tree Inn

MAY

If there were no such thing as display in the world, my private opinion is, and I hope you agree with me, that we might get on a great deal better than we do, and might be infinitely more agreeable company than we are. THE BATTLE OF LIFE.

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MAY

If you have friends in adversity, stand by them.

OUR MUTUAL FRIEND.

In journeys, as in life, it is a great deal easier to go down hill than up

NICHOLAS NICKLEBY.

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MAY

"What are we," said Mr. Pecksniff, "but coaches? Some of us are slow coaches; some of us are fast coaches. Our passions are the horses, and rampant animals too! And Virtue is the drag! We start from the Mother's Arm's, and we run to the Dust Shovel."

MARTIN CHUZZLEWIT.

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MAY

If you have the abilities of all the great men, past and present, you could do nothing well without sincerely meaning it and setting about it.

BLEAK HOUSE.

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MAY

It is difficult to smile with an aching heart.

PICKWICK PAPERS.

"You raytber vant somebody to look arter you, sir. ven your judgment goes out a wisitin'.

PICKWICK PAPERS.

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MAY

Let us give everything their due.

NICHOLAS NICKLEBY.

Keep up appearances whatever you do.

MARTIN CHUZZLEWIT.

31st

"To the cause of friendship."

PICKWICK PAPERS

JUNE

Spring flew swiftly by, and summer came. * * * The earth had donned her mantle of brightest green, and shed her richest perfumes abroad. It was the prime and vigour of the year; all things were glad and flourishing.

OLIVER TWIST.

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JUNE

"Chops! Gracious heavens! And tomato sauce! Gentlemen, is the happiness of a sensitive and confiding female to be trifled away by such shallow artifices as these."

PICKWICK PAPERS.

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JUNE

No one is useless in this world * * * who lightens the burden of it for anyone else.

OUR MUTUAL FRIEND.

It is not on earth that Heaven's justice ends.

THE OLD CURIOSITY SHOP.

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JUNE

Hope is said by the Poet to be the nurse of young Desire.

MARTIN CHUZZLEWIT.

The hill has not yet lifted its face to heaven that perseverance will not gain the summit of at last.

NICHOLAS NICKLEBY.

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JUNE

It seems to me, after maturely thinking it over, that the best amends for having got out of the square is to get back into the square.

OUR MUTUAL FRIEND.

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JUNE

What I say I stick by. NICHOLAS NICKLEBY.

Society is perhaps a little mercenary, you know, my dear. LITTLE DORRIT.

"I'm always moving on."

BLEAK HOUSE.

JULY

It was delightful weather. The green corn waved so beautifully, the larks sang so joyfully, the hedges were so full of wild flowers, the trees were so thickly out in leaf, the bean fields, with a light wind blowing over them, filled the air with such a delicious fragrance.

BLEAK HOUSE.

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JULY

All good luck and happiness. MARTIN CHUZZLEWIT.

Many a gentleman lives upon a soft head, who would find a heart of the same quality a very great drawback. NICHOLAS NICKLEBY.

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JULY

People need to rise early, to see the sun in all his splendour, for his brightness seldom lasts the day through.

PICKWICK PAPERS.

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JULY

What a blessing to have ready wit * * * and ready money to back it. NICHOLAS NICKLEBY.

All other swindlers upon earth are nothing to the self-swindlers. GREAT EXPECTATIONS

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JULY

If we all did what we undertake to do, as faithfully as Herbert did, we might live in a Republic of the Virtues.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS.

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JULY

And so, as Tiny Tim observed, God bless us, every one!

A CHRISTMAS CAROL.

Rich folks may ride on camels, but it ain't so easy for 'em to see out of a needle's eye.

MARTIN CHUZZLEWIT.

31st

'We all have some bright days.'

NICHOLAS NICKLEBY.

AUGUST

Young women are contradictory creatures in some things * * * but their hearts are soft and kind.

DAVID COPPERFIELD.

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AUGUST

When I take a gentleman to my house, no matter whether he is nineteen, twenty-nine or ninety, I take him there in a spirit of confidence.

DAVID COPPERFIELD.

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AUGUST

Pride is one of the seven deadly sins; but it cannot be the pride of a mother in her children, for that is a compound of two cardinal virtues—faith and hope.

NICHOLAS NICKLEBY.

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AUGUST

What a blessed thing it is—living in a wale—to be contented! What a blessed thing it is to make sick people happy in their beds, and never mind one's self as long as one can do a service.

MARTIN CHUZZLEWIT.

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AUGUST

"There is raythe a change for the worse," as the gen'l'man said, w'en he got two doubtful shillin's and sixpenn'orth o' pocket pieces for a good half crown.

PICKWICK PAPERS.

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AUGUST

Let no man turn aside, ever so slightly, from the broad path of honour, on the plausible pretence that he is justified by the goodness of his end.

BARNABY RUDGE.

31st

"Everything works for the best."

DOMBEY & SON.

SEPTEMBER

Hedges, fields and trees, hill and moorland, presented to the eye their ever-varying shades of deep rich green; scarce a leaf had fallen, scarce a sprinkle of yellow mingled with the hues of summer, warned you that autumn had begun. PICKWICK PAPERS

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SEPTEMBER

Conscience is an elastic and very flexible article, which will bear a deal of stretching and adapt itself to a great variety of circumstances.

THE OLD CURIOSITY SHOP.

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SEPTEMBER

Of all fruitless errands, sending a tear to look after a day that is gone is the most fruitless.

NICHOLAS NICKLEBY.

Loveliness is a pleasant thing—when it don't lead to spending money.

MARTIN CHUZZLEWIT.

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SEPTEMBER

Our life is not too easy perhaps: taken altogether, it will bear any little smoothing we can give it.

THE BATTLE OF LIFE.

It is a poor heart that never rejoices; and our hearts are not poor? No!

MARTIN CHUZZLEWIT.

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SEPTEMBER

Any man can be in good spirits when he is well dressed. There ain't much credit in that. If I was very ragged and very jolly, then I should begin to feel I had gained a point.

MARTIN CHUZZLEWIT.

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SEPTEMBER

Constancy in love is a good thing; but it means nothing, and is nothing, without constancy in every kind of effort.

BLEAK HOUSE.

I will do my duty while I can.

A TALE OF TWO CITIES.

Little Nell and her Grandfather.

OLD CURIOSITY SHOP.

OCTOBER

In trickery, evasion, procrastination, spoliation, botheration, there are influences that can never come to good.

BLEAK HOUSE.

In love of home the love of country has its rise.

THE OLD CURIOSITY SHOP.

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OCTOBER

God help the man whose heart ever changes with the world.

BARNABY RUDGE.

The precious moments is a flyin' fast.

MARTIN CHUZZLEWIT.

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OCTOBER

Scattered wits take a long time picking up.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS.

A wedding is a licensed subject to joke upon, there really is no great joke in the matter at all.

PICKWICK PAPERS.

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OCTOBER

A gridiron is a gridiron * * * and you may name it what you like, but a gridiron it will come out, either by your leave or against your leave, and you can't help yourself.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

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OCTOBER

Duty—Begin it early, and do it well; and there is no antecedent to it in any origin or station, that will tell against us with the Almighty, or with ourselves.

LITTLE DORRIT.

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OCTOBER

Country! Nonsense! What can you get in the country but new-laid eggs and flowers.

NICHOLAS NICKLEBY

Strewing the path with smiles, in the absence of flowers.

OUR MUTUAL FRIEND.

31st

"The day sported by us."

DAVID COPPERFIELD

NOVEMBER

If you entertain the supposition that any real success, in great things or in small, ever was or could be, ever will or can be, wrested from Fortune by fits and starts, leave that wrong idea here.

BLEAK HOUSE.

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NOVEMBER

There never were greed and cunning in the world yet, that did not do too much, and over-reach themselves.

DAVID COPPERFIELD.

If we are not sincere, we are nothing.

BARNABY RUDGE.

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NOVEMBER

Memory, however bad, is the best and truest link between this world and a better. NICHOLAS NICKLEBY.

Do not allow a trivial misunderstanding to wither the blossoms of spring. BLEAK HOUSE.

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NOVEMBER

It is a melancholy truth that great men have their poor relations.

BLEAK HOUSE.

We never know the walue of some wines and fig-trees till we lose 'em.

BARNABY RUDGE.

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NOVEMBER

Forgiveness is a high quality, an exalted virtue.

MARTIN CHUZZLEWIT.

Take nothing on its looks, take everything on evidence. There's no better rule. GREAT EXPECTATIONS.

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NOVEMBER

Subdue your appetites, my dear, and you've conquered human natur'. NICHOLAS NICKLEBY.

The shadows of our own desires stand between us and our better angels. BARNABY RUDGE.

"All people have their trials."

NICHOLAS NICKLEBY

DECEMBER

To make one's sweetheart miserable is well enough and quite right, but to be made miserable one's self is a little too much.

BARNABY RUDGE.

Every man of true genius has his peculiarity.

MARTIN CHUZZLEWIT.

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DECEMBER

Time and tide will wait for no man, saith the adage, but all men have to wait for time and tide.

MARTIN CHUZZLEWIT.

Industry is the soul of business and the keystone of prosperity.

BARNABY RUDGE.

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DECEMBER

There must have been some few occurences in the past year to which we can look back with a smile of cheerful recollection, if not with a feeling of heartfelt thankfulness.

THE NEW YEAR.

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DECEMBER

We measure man's life by years, and it is a solemn knell that warns us we have passed another of the landmarks which stand between us and the grave.

THE NEW YEAR.

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DECEMBER

Numerous indeed are the hearts to which Christmas brings a brief season of happiness and enjoyment.

THE OLD CURIOSITY SHOP.

Our life on it, but your Christmas shall be merry, and your new year a happy one! A CHRISTMAS DINNER.

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DECEMBER

Christmas has come 'round, and the unkind feelings that have struggled against better dispositions during the year, have melted away, before its genial influence, like half-formed ice beneath the morning sun.

A CHRISTMAS DINNER.

31st

WE ALL change, but that's with Time; Time does his work honestly, and I don't mind him. A fig for Time. Use him well and he's a hearty fellow, and scorns to have you at a disadvantage.

Many happy new years, unbroken friendship, great accumulation of cheerful recollections, affection on earth, and Heaven at last for all of us.

NOTES

I would rather have the affectionate regard of my fellow men, than I would have heaps and mines of gold. SPEECHES, LITERARY AND SOCIAL.

Let them tak' us as they find us. NICHOLAS NICKLEBY.

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NOTES

We can see no mora to the bottom of the next few hours than we can see to the bottom of this river.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS.

Things pass away like a tale that is told.

THE OLD CURIOSITY SHOP.

NOTES

There can be no disparity in marriage like unsuitability of mind and purpose. DAVID COPPERFIELD.

Anything that makes a noise is satisfactory to a crowd. OLD CURIOSITY SHOP.

NOTES

True greatness of soul sympathizes with true greatness of soul all the world over.

MARTIN CHUZZLEWIT.

A man can't help his feelings. GREAT EXPECTATIONS

NOTES

With what ease a good man may be consoled under circumstances of failure and disappointment.

MARTIN CHUZZLEWIT.

Manifold are the cares of wealth and state.

LITTLE DORRIT.

NOTES

To remember happiness which cannot be restored is pain.

NICHOLAS NICKLEBY.

The expression of a man's face is commonly a help to his thoughts, or glossary on his speech.

NICHOLAS NICKLEBY.

NOTES

Painters always make ladies out prettier than they are, or they wouldn't get any custom.

OLIVER TWIST.

Anxious people often magnify an evil and make it worse.

THE OLD CURIOSITY SHOP.

NOTES

When duty calls we must obey. BLEAK HOUSE.

Every failure teaches a man something if he will learn. LITTLE DORRIT.

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